

112TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1672

To expand the research and awareness activities of the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to scleroderma, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 2, 2011

Mrs. CAPPS (for herself and Mr. TERRY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Scleroderma Research  
5 and Awareness Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ARTHRITIS AND MUS-**  
2 **CULOSKELETAL AND SKIN DISEASES;**  
3 **SCLERODERMA RESEARCH EXPANSION.**

4 Part B of title IV of the Public Health Service Act  
5 (42 U.S.C. 284 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end  
6 the following:

7 **“SEC. 409K. SCLERODERMA RESEARCH.**

8 “The Director of NIH may expand, intensify, and co-  
9 ordinate the activities of the National Institutes of Health  
10 with respect to scleroderma, with particular emphasis on  
11 the following:

12 “(1) Research focused on the etiology of  
13 scleroderma and the development of new treatment  
14 options.

15 “(2) Clinical research to evaluate new treat-  
16 ments options.

17 “(3) Basic research on the relationship between  
18 scleroderma and secondary conditions such as pul-  
19 monary hypertension, gastroparesis, Raynaud’s phe-  
20 nomenon, Sjögren’s Syndrome, and other diseases as  
21 determined by the Director.”.

22 **SEC. 3. PROMOTING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF**  
23 **SCLERODERMA.**

24 Part P of title III of the Public Health Service Act  
25 (42 U.S.C. 280g et seq.) is amended by adding at the end  
26 the following:

1 **“SEC. 399V-6. PROMOTING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF**  
2 **SCLERODERMA.**

3 “The Secretary may carry out an educational cam-  
4 paign to increase public awareness of scleroderma. Print,  
5 video, and Web-based materials distributed through this  
6 campaign may include—

7 “(1) basic information on scleroderma and its  
8 symptoms; and

9 “(2) information on—

10 “(A) the incidence and prevalence of  
11 scleroderma;

12 “(B) diseases and conditions affiliated with  
13 scleroderma; or

14 “(C) the importance of early diagnosis and  
15 treatment of scleroderma.”.

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